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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 10, 13, 14, 17 and 19-37 remain in this application.

Claim 38 has been cancelled.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 1-5, 10, 13, 14, 17 and 19-37 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amend to provide proper antecedent basis for the central axis.

In response to the Office Action of May 5, 2009, Applicant requests re-examination and reconsideration of this application for patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132.

Objections to the Specification

The specification stands objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: Many of the terms (third ends, third surface, fourth surface, etc) used in claim 38 are not found in the specification.

Claim 38 has been cancelled.

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the objections to the specification in view of the cancellation of claim 38.

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Objections to the Claims

Claim 1 recites the limitation "said central axis" in line 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to provide the proper antecedent basis.

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the objections to claim 1 in view of the amendment to claim 1.

Rejections under 35 USC 102(b)

Claim 38 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Wu et al., US-2004/0260283, because the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, or in public use or on sale in this country more than one (1) year prior to the application for patent in the United States.

Claim 38 has been cancelled.

Applicants have corrected the objections to the specification, the objection to claim 1 and cancelled claim 38, the only claim rejected in the application. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the application be allowed.

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SUMMARY

In light of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner will now find the claims of the application allowable. Favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously requested. Should there be any remaining issues which can be resolved via an Examiner's Amendment; the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due or credit any overpayments in any fees paid on the filing to Deposit Account No. 13-0439.

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